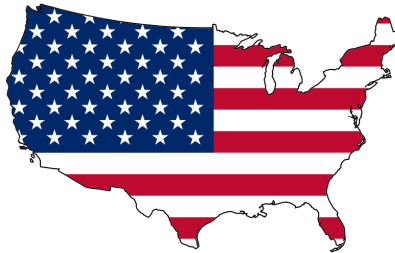


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1. State Department Calls for New Assault Against Human Traffickers

A decade of a legal campaign against human trafficking has liberated many victims from their captors, but it hasn't stopped the crime. A new State Department report suggests that 27 million trafficking victims are being held against their will, and more must be done to help them.

2. President Obama on World Refugee Day 2011

"As we mark World Refugee Day, I join with people around the globe in highlighting the plight of the 15 million refugees in the world today, and we reaffirm our commitment to support them as they seek a safe place to call home again. "...

3. EU, U.S. Partner to Secure Global Supply Chain

The United States remains committed to working with the international community to ensure the safety and resilience of world trade, the U.S. secretary of homeland security tells an international commerce panel in Brussels.

4. Clinton Launches Initiative to Empower Women Through Sports

Washington — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has launched the Women's World Cup Initiative, which "brings together international exchanges and sports to empower women and girls" around the world, according to a State Department press release.

5. Women's World Cup Teams Include Many U.S. Professionals

Sixteen current players from America's Women's Professional Soccer league will compete on other countries' teams in the 2011 Women's World Cup.

6. Experts Cite 10 Signs of Better Health in 21st Century

Healthier children, more immunizations, less disease and more recovery — these are among the hallmarks of progress in public health, according to a poll of experts taken by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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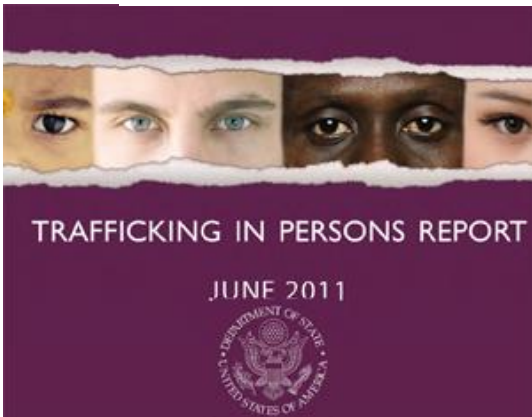
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Ambassador Meets Euro-Business Leaders

Ambassador Reeker: "The future that Macedonia wants and deserves cannot be won by fighting for a better past. It can only be achieved by working together for a new beginning and a better future." ...



TIP Report 2011 (MACEDONIA-Tier 1)

Secretary Clinton: "Every year, we come together to release this report, to take stock of our progress and to refine our methods. Today, we are releasing a new report that ranks 184 countries ...

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DAS Countryman addresses United Macedonian Diaspora

DAS Countryman: "As friend and partner, the United States has stood by Macedonia since its independence, helping it to strengthen its multiethnic democracy ..."



[The Road Ahead: The Path of Leadership](#)

Ambassador Reeker addresses the OFA 10th Anniversary Conference...

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[President Obama on the Way Forward in Afghanistan](#)

President Obama addressed the nation about the way forward in Afghanistan and his plan to remove 10,000 American troops from Afghanistan by the end of this year, and a total of 33,000 by next summer. [Video »](#)



[U.S. Film Wins Makedox Festival Award](#)

Director Elinor Burkett's documentary iThemba has won the Makedox Onion Seed Award. The film tells the story of musicians with physical disabilities who use humor and music to overcome discrimination.



Ambassador Honors LtG Stojanovski

Ambassador Reeker awarded Lieutenant General Miroslav Stojanovski the U.S. Legion of Merit Award, the highest U.S. Department of Defense Award that can be bestowed on foreign military officers.



[PAO Angela Aggeler's Interview in Kapital](#)

PAO Angela Aggeler describes how U.S. cultural and educational exchanges bring people together. ...



[Ambassador Reeker in X/O talk show](#)

Ambassador Reeker: "There are seven pillars on which we focus our engagement and our global leadership around the world". ... [Video »](#)



Recent Developments in the Western Balkans

DAS Countryman discussed recent developments in the Western Balkans at the Foreign Press Center. ...



"Scorpions" Prepare for Afghanistan

The Macedonian 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, known as the "Scorpions," travelled to Babadag, Romania to train with U.S. Marines of Black Sea Rotational Force 11 in counterinsurgency operations. ...



Multinational exercise in Macedonia

CAMP PEPELISHTA, Macedonia (AFNS) -- Members from seven multinational forces gathered in Macedonia June 6 to kick off the 2011 Medical Training Exercise in Central and Eastern Europe, or MEDCEUR 11.



Regional US Embassies Football Tournament

U.S. Embassy Skopje hosted the Fifth Annual Regional Embassy Football Tournament. Over 100 employees from nearby U.S. Missions came to Skopje for a weekend of soccer, renewed friendships and fun. [Video »](#)

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